

91 6 fit around the tubular casing to be centralised by the centraliser, wherein the
7 centraliser is of unitary construction.

92 1 ~~14~~ 16. (Amended) A casing centraliser comprising an annular
2 body, the annular body having a substantially cylindrical bore extending
3 longitudinally therethrough, the annular body being formed from at least one
4 material selected from the group consisting of plastic material, elastomeric
5 material and rubber material, the substantially cylindrical bore being a clearance
6 fit around the tubular casing to be centralised by the centraliser, wherein the
7 annular body is divided along its axis into at least two inter-connectable sections.

Please cancel claims 5 and 7 without prejudice.

REMARKS

The Examiner has raised objections to the claims as filed on the sole basis of 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being obvious over Langer et al in view of Barron or Evans or Seabourn.

Barron (co-owned by the present applicants) relates to a casing centraliser of zinc alloy; Seabourn relates to a rubber covered device that enters the mouth of a wellhead tubular for aligning a blowout preventer with the wellhead; and Evans relates to a hinged device for centralising the production tubing inside the casing in order to space it from the casing at the perforation zone (see fig 1).